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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

**Claims 1, 6-8, and 12-13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by
Burnside et al. (US 2003/0064815 A1).**

Regarding claims 1 and 13, Burnside et al. discloses a gaming machine, configurable to enable at least one game to be played whose outcome is at least partially based on a random outcome (*see abstract*). The game machine is comprises a game cabinet configured to house gaming machine components configured to allow play of at least one game and having at least one lockable external access panel configured to allow access to at least a portion of the inside of the cabinet when open (*see [0006-0009]*). Additionally, Burnside discloses at least a first power supply operably connectable to an external power source, and is switchable to an off position when the external access door is open and the ‘off position’ is configured such that at least one game component is electrically isolated from the first power supply and at least one game component remains electrically connected to the first power supply (*see [0017—0020]*).

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Regarding claim 8, Burnside et al. discloses a method for servicing a gaming machine comprising a game cabinet, an external panel movable relative to the game cabinet and further comprising gaming machine components configured in the game cabinet to be usable to allow at least one game to be made playable, the game has an outcome based at least partially on chance, the method comprising: providing a switch associated with a first power supply accessible upon moving the external panel (*see [0006-0009]*); configuring the switch such that upon being put in an off position, at least one of the gaming machine components is electrically disconnected from the first power supply and at least one of the gaming machine components remains electrically connected to the first power supply (*see [0023-0032]*). Additionally, Burnside discloses moving the external panel to allow access to a switch, which allows for the power supply to be turned to an off position (*see [0006]*). Furthermore, Burnside discloses the ability to service at least one gaming machine component that has been electrically disconnected from the first power supply and leaves all the gaming machine components that are still electrically connected to the first power supply without servicing (*see [0006-0009]*). Burnside also discloses the ability to turn the power supply to an 'on' position to allow for the checking operation for the serviced gaming machine components and moving the external access panel to a position for allowing game play (*see [0018-0024]*).

Regarding claim 6-7, Burnside discloses a first power supply further comprises a plurality of power distribution points, each point being operable for electrically connecting to gaming machine components (*see paragraph [0018-0028]*). Additionally, Burnside discloses the first power supply further comprises a plurality of high voltage connection points and a plurality

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of low voltage connection points, where at least one of the points is electrically disconnected when the switch is in the off position (*see [0018-0019, 0027-0029]*).

Regarding claim 12, Burnside discloses at least one gaming machine component that is electrically disconnected from the first power supply by the switch being in an off position further comprises at least one of: a video monitor, reel mechanisms, input buttons, top box lights, main body lights, or candle lights (*see paragraph [0002, 0016-0018]*).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2-5, 9-11, and 14-17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burnside et al. as applied to claims above, and further in view of Stockdale et al. (US 6,804,763 B1).

Regarding claims 2-3, 9-10, and 14, Burnside teaches a gaming machine that contains a power supply that can be operably connected to an external power source and switchable to an off position when the external access door is open and configured such that at least one game component is electrically isolated from the first power supply and at least one component remains electrically connected to the first power supply. However, Burnside is silent with respect to a gaming machine that comprises a second power supply, having at least one connection point to which game components may be electrically connected.

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In a related gaming patent, Stockdale et al. teaches a secondary power source in a gaming machine that serves as a backup power source for the components of a gaming machine (*see col. 4: ln 5-60*). Additionally, Stockdale teaches the second power supply to be located in the gaming machine such that the external access panel must be opened to gain access to an internal access panel and that must be opened to gain access of the second power supply (*see 'backup battery' [505], Fig. 5 and the related description thereof*). One would be motivated to incorporate the secondary power supply teachings of Stockdale into that of Burnside in order to have a power source that would keep generating power to important electrical system such as the volatile RAM and etc that contain important information that must not be lost at a time of a power outage. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of a secondary power source by Stockdale with that of Burnside's swappable power supply at the time the invention was made.

Regarding claims 4-5 and 15-16, Burnside teaches a power supply that comprises a low voltage power supply operably connected to a main processor board using a connection point and a switch having an off position configured to electrically disconnect all of the connection points on the second power supply (*see Figs. 2-3, 5 and the respective related descriptions thereof*).

Regarding claim 11, Burnside teaches a power supply that further comprises a low voltage power supply having a connection point connected to a main processor board, and where the switch disconnects the main processor board from the low voltage power supply (*see paragraph [0017-0023]*).

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Regarding claim 17, Burnside teaches a power supply that comprises a high voltage means and an associated power distribution means and a low voltage means and an associated power distribution means (*see [0002, 0006-0009, 00017-0021]*).

Conclusion

Stockdale (US 6,575,833 B1) – Battery Powered Gaming Machine Security Monitoring System.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be direct to Ryan Hsu whose telephone number is (571)-272-7148. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert E Pezzuto can be reached at (571)-272-6996.

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